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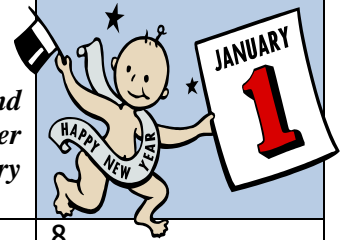
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January is: "National Blood Donor" Month, "National Hobby" Month, "National Soup" Month, "National Staying Healthy" Month, "Eye Care" Month, and "Hot Tea" Month.



Have extra time on your hands? Volunteering is fun and rewarding; and you'll be serving the citizens of your community. To find volunteer opportunities with one of the many organizations in Martinsville & Henry County, go to www.1-800-volunteer.org



2	3	4 Trivia Day Do you know which insect is a potential source of fuel? [See bottom of next page]	5 National Bird Day  6PM PHCC PATRIOTS MEN'S BASKETBALL STONE HALL	6  Cuddle Up Day 10am-3:30pm PAA "Flaming Iris" Bob Ross Technique Workshop 6:30 Spencer-Penn Photography Club	7 5-7pm First Friday Art Walk Studio 107  Last day to sign up "Fused Quilting" at Senior Ctr Jan 17-20 Call 403-5140	8  Last day to catch the "Eyes on Earth" exhibit at VMNH 1PM PHCC PATRIOTS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STONE HALL
9 <i>Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud. NEVER give out personal info over the phone! No matter where you bank, they will NEVER e-mail or call you for your account number! Check statements for charges you don't recognize and report them immediately.</i>	10	11 Stop by SunTrust Bank lobby uptown and view the lovely murals which highlight Virginia's history. Painted and signed in 1967 by Richmond artist H Warren Billings	12 National Pharmacist Day  7pm PHCC PATRIOTS Men's Basketball Stone Hall	13 5:30-8:30pm Introduction to hand-building pottery @ So VA Artisan Center	14 Lee-Jackson Day  City Holiday Henry Co Student/Teacher Holiday 6:30pm Music Night Spencer-Penn Ctr Jason Harris & Friends	15 10am - Noon Animal Camo VMNH ages 6-8 Finishing History Furniture & Other Works by Tony Williams and Thomas Johnson 5:30 Piedmont Arts (free exhibit, runs thru February 26th) PHCC PATRIOTS BASKETBALL-STONE HALL MEN'S & WOMEN'S
u16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day City Holiday 6-8PM Mon, Tues, & Thurs. @ Senior Center "Fused Quilting" Class Ages 16 & up \$15 incl. supplies	18 Henry Co Student Holiday Teacher Pro. Development Day	19 Anthem rep, Michelle Hartman will be onsite-Call HR at #5181 for appointment	20	21 Squirrel Appreciation Day  3PM PHCC PATRIOTS WOMEN'S BSKETBL - STONE HALL	22 DOG DAYS OF WINTER  The VMNH dedicates this day to the dog. Stop by for all kinds of "dog day" fun!
23	24 Compliment Day <i>"You're so awesome!"</i> Give someone a kind word or praise today. They may really need it!	25 Do you have <u>oil</u> on your windshield? If so, better get to an inspection station soon! 	26 Spouses Day  VMNH Doodle Bugs "Polar Destination" 6PM PHCC PATRIOTS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STONE HALL	27	28 National Kazoo Day  7PM PHCC PATRIOTS MEN'S BASKETBALL STONE HALL 6pm - 9am Sat VMNH (Sleepover) "Winter Skies" Ages 8-11	29 National Puzzle Day  10am-Noon @ VMNH Special Saturdays: <i>Animal Secrets</i> 1-3pm Sr. Needlefelting Class @ Senior Center 2PM PHCC PATRIOTS MEN'S BASKETBALL STONE HALL
30	31 "Inspire Your Heart With Art" Day 	Made any new year's resolutions for 2011? If your resolution is to get in better shape and be healthier, you can find some great help from the Martinsville Henry Co Coalition for Health and Wellness. Go to: http://www.healthycommunitymhc.org . You'll find all sorts of healthy recipes, weight loss and exercise programs, as well as the HEALTHY TIP OF THE DAY: "Learn to read food labels. It can help you to choose a diet lower in saturated fat, cholesterol, and sodium. Compare labels between foods and make selections that meet your dietary goals."				

❁ January Service Milestones ❁

Keith Mikles	Electric	30 Yrs
Dawn Vaughn	Police Dept	15 Yrs
Darrell Hammock	Reservoir	10 Yrs



It's getting closer! Coming March 26 ... Presented by Memorial Hospital of Martinsville & HCo; proceeds to benefit the Martinsville Y. Call the Y at 632-6427 or go on-line for more info and to register: <http://martinsvillehalfmarathon.com>

Several City employees recently participated in the Chamber of Commerce's **Leadership Development Program**.

Mary Kay Washington commented, "It was a great learning opportunity and I appreciate the City making it possible for me to attend."



Pictured above, left to right: Kathy Vernon – Human Resources, Kimberly Payne – Sports Complex, Vollie Norris – Police, Eddie Dillard – Police, Mike Pace – Police, Andy Powers – Inspections, Mary Kay Washington – Finance, and Robbin Hall – WPBDC. Not Pictured: Marshall Thomas – Police.



Our Deepest Sympathy to:



Linda Kanode, Police Dept., on the loss of her father, William H. Blankenship, on December 4th.

Donnie Brooks, Parks & Recreation/Armory, on the loss of his sister, Laverne Marie Brooks, on December 4th.

Linda Conover, Finance, on the loss of her uncle in New Jersey.

OUR LATEST ADDITIONS ~ Congratulations to..

...**Dallas Hairston, (Commissioner of the Revenue)** and his wife, Larrysa, on the birth of their son, Cameron O'Reion Hairston on December 3rd, weighing 8lb. 1 oz. ...**Molly Shelton, Electric Dept.**, on the birth of her grandson, Asher/Kaillou Sullivan Rivers, on December 7th. He weighed 7lb. 12oz.; his mother is Molly's daughter, Ashley Shelton Rivers. ...**Kevin Clifton, Electric Dept.**, and wife, Emily Busby Clifton, on the birth of their baby daughter, Ella Marie, 6 lbs. 14 oz., born on December 10th. ...**Robbie Haynes, Police Dept.**, and his wife, Amanda, on the birth of their son, Jonah Robert Haynes, on December 14th. He weighed 5lb. 11oz. ...**Casey Wilson, Sheriff's Office**, and wife, Kelly, on the birth of their son, Gavin Casey Wilson on December 17th. Gavin weighed 7lb. 10 oz.



❁ Celebrating January Birthdays ❁

1	SHARON	ECHOLS	UTILITY BILLING
2	LASSELLE	HEFFINGER	WATER CONSTRUCTION
2	GARY	CODY	LEISURE SERVICES
4	CLARENCE	MONDAY	CITY MANAGER
5	ESTHER	ADAMS-ARTIS	INFORMATION SERVICES
6	RONNIE	GAMMONS	STREET MAINTENANCE
10	DWAYNE	SPENCER	STREET MAINTENANCE
11	ANDREW	LASH	WASTEWATER PLANT
19	MICHAEL	BRADSHAW	FIRE DEPARTMENT
20	JOHN	KACZOR	FIRE DEPARTMENT
23	CHRISTOPHER	CHAMBERS	WASTEWATER PLANT
24	DALLAS	HAIRSTON	COMM OF REVENUE
24	BENJAMIN	PETERS	POLICE DEPT
26	ERIC	EGGLESTON	POLICE DEPT
27	DANNY	COLE	SEWER MAINT
28	JODY	DUNCAN	COMM OF REVENUE
30	TAMMY	THACKER	HOUSING

Congratulations to Mike Scaffidi, Telecommunications

Director, who was presented the Leadership in Government Award by the Southern Piedmont Technology Council for technological advances in government operations and functions, at its Nov 3rd Technology Stars Awards Banquet. Mike commented, "I would be remiss not to recognize some important people which made this award possible. **Randy Craig, Roger Blankenship, and Charles**

Anderson make up our technology team and implement all of the networks in the MINet system and they are the backbone of the Martinsville Informational Network. Certainly, without the on-going support of the city council and the city management team

recognizing the importance of ongoing funding for the project, I would not be accepting this award this evening. "



Thanks to everyone who donated to
TOYS FOR TOTS this Christmas.

We collected 115 toys and
\$87 in cash donations.



TRIVIA ANSWER: Termites 'The termites' ability to digest wood (thanks to the micro-organisms that live in their gut) makes them a nuisance in many circumstances, but the fact that they can produce up to two liters of hydrogen from digesting a single sheet of paper means that they are being considered as possible fuel manufacturers.' Source: www.suite101.com